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Graduated Drivers License Begins July 1

Little Rock—Effective July 1, 2002, any person between the ages of 14 and 18 who has not been issued An Arkansas Drivers License will be issued a drivers license under the Arkansas Graduated Licensing Law (Act 1694 of 2001). "This new law provides a progressive driver's licensing program for young drivers," says Mike Munns, Administrator of Driver Services, of the Department of Finance & Administration. "Drivers will be required to adhere to the restrictions at each level before they can move on to the next level."

The three levels of licensing are learners, intermediate and regular licenses. The following are the terms and conditions for obtaining each type of license:

Learners License – Must be at least 14 years of age. This license expires at age 16.

- Must have successfully completed Arkansas State Police testing requirements
- Driver must be accompanied by someone at least 21 years of age
- All passengers must have seatbelts on at all times
- No serious accident or traffic conviction within 6 months prior to making application

Intermediate License – Must be at least 16 years of age. This license expires at age 18.

- Must already have a learners license or have successfully completed Arkansas State Police testing requirements
- All passengers must have seatbelts on at all times
- No serious accident or traffic conviction within 6 months prior to making application

**Note – If you are under 18 and are getting your first license, a licensed adult (21+) must accompany you for at least 6 months. The six-month period begins the day the driver passes the written test.*

Regular License – Must be at least 18 years of age

- Must already have an intermediate license or have successfully completed Arkansas State Police testing requirements
- No serious accident or traffic conviction within 12 months prior to making application
- You can qualify for a regular license if you are 16 and married, in the military, or possess a high school diploma or GED

A serious accident is a reportable accident where the driver is found at fault and the accident is placed on the driver's record.

A serious traffic conviction is any conviction where the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been withdrawn OR any of the following violations in which a driver has been found guilty:

- Any alcohol related moving traffic violation
- Any seat belt violation
- Any commercial motor vehicle violation
- Driving fifteen (15) or more miles per hour over the speed limit
- Reckless driving
- Negligent homicide
- Using a vehicle to commit a felony
- Failure to carry liability insurance
- Leaving the scene of an accident
- Evading arrest
- Fleeing by use of an automobile
- Unsafe driving
- Hazardous driving
- Prohibited passing
- Passing stopped school bus
- Careless or negligent driving
- Failure to obey a traffic signal or device
- Failure to obey a railroad-crossing barrier
- Racing on the highway
- Driving with a suspended, revoked or cancelled license
- Driving the wrong way down a one way street

For more information on the state's driver license program or to find out how to renew your car tags online, visit our web site at www.state.ar.us/dfa or call 682-7059 for driver license information and 682-4692 for motor vehicle information.